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SUBJECT: FMS ETHIOPIA

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1. IN THE WAKE OF MY JUNE 21 MEETING WITH FONMIN KIFLE WODAJO AND MOND AYALEW, CHMAAG MET WITH MOND AYALEW ON JUNE 24 TO CLARIFY THE EPMG POSITION AND CURRENT CONCERNS ON THE TPS-43D RADAR.

2. WHEN CHMAAG RAISED THE SUBJECT, AYALEW IMMEDIATELY INTERRUPTED AND APOLOGIZED FOR KIFLE'S "INADVERTENT" REMARKS CONCERNING THE RADAR DURING THE JUNE 21 MEETING. HE SAID HE HAD ARRIVED TOO LATE TO PRE-BRIEF KIFLE ON THE SUBJECT WITHOUT KEEPING ME WAITING, WHICH THEY CHOSE NOT TO DO.

3. CHMAAG/MOND DETAILED DISCUSSIONS ON THE SUBJECT ESTABLISHED THAT:

A. FONMIN KIFLE WAS IN ERROR IN INDICATING THAT THE EPMG DESIRED EXACT DATE OF DELIVERY AND EXPEDITED DELIVERY OF THE TPS-43D RADAR; IN FACT, THE EPMG IS STILL DISCUSSING THE ISSUES WITH THE TARGET OF A DECISION IN EARLY JULY ON WHETHER TO BUY THE SYSTEM.

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B. THE MOND HAS A GOOD UNDERSTANDING OF ALL THE FACTORS IN

THE TPS-43D RADAR SITUATION.

4. DURING THE COURSE OF THE MEETING AYALEW REITERATED THE EPMG CONCERNS THAT NO DELIVERY DATE HAD BEEN PROVIDED FOR THE F5A'S AND THAT EFFORTS TO ACCELERAGE THE DELIVERY OF PAST-FUNDED UH-1H HELICOPTERS HAD BEEN UNSUCCESSFUL. HE SAID THAT THESE CASES HAD STRONG POLITICAL SIGNIFICANCE TO THE DIRG, WHICH FELT THAT THE USG COULD TAKE THE DESIRED ACTIONS IF IT REALLY WANTED TO. CHMAAG GAVE ASSURANCES THAT THE USG WAS FULLY AWARE OF THIS POLITICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND WAS DOING ITS VERY BEST TO RESPOND FAVORABLY TO EPMG REQUESTS.

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